



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## Situation Report

### Severe Storms

April 3, 2006 8:00 a.m.

#### Situation:

Sunday April 2, 2006, several lines of severe storms and tornadoes swept across Missouri. Damage was centered in East Central Missouri and Southeast Missouri. The storms have left Missouri and are advancing toward the east coast.

- 3 Confirmed Deaths 1 in Circle City (**Stoddard County**), 1 in Braggadocio (**Pemiscot County**), 1 in Castlewood State Park near Ballwin, Mo (**St. Louis County**), 26 injured and additional injuries are expected to be reported.
- **St. Louis County** reported power outages throughout the county.
- Pettis and Benton Counties were under a tornado watch at 1:30 p.m.
- Because of the severe weather sweeping into Missouri from Nebraska the Cooper Nuclear Power Station in Brownville, NE, declared a "Notice of Unusual Event" at 2:04 p.m. due to high winds in excess of 70 mph longer than 5 minutes and peak winds in excess of 83 mph. **Atchison County** is within the Emergency Planning Zone for Cooper. This event was closed out by the utility by 3:00 p.m.
- **St. Charles County** reported an intense line of storms came through the area. Straight-line winds damaged several thousand homes including shingles, siding, and minor roof damages.
- **Ralls County** reported damages to two businesses north of Mark Twain Dam and houses damaged west of Hannibal.
- **Stoddard County** Emergency Management Director reported one trailer overturned, one confirmed death and an injury. Dexter reported 3-4 businesses with minor damages, town without power.
- **Dunklin County** reported storm damages south of Kennett; also reported one church damaged.
- **St. Francois County** reported numerous houses and businesses in Park Hills damaged. Excessive winds reported. Debris cleared from roads.
- **Pemiscot County** reported damages to Caruthersville, Deering and Braggadocio. Caruthersville reported 60% of the town damaged, conducting house-to-house search and rescue operations, triage set up at the Fire Department, 2 shelters established, no electricity, 25 injured citizens taken to Hospital in Hayti, and American Red Cross on site. Pemiscot County Sheriff requested law enforcement assistance for security. The Caruthersville water system is inoperable. Near Deering, it was reported that a major gas pipeline broke and a major power line was damaged. M&A Power Cooperative responding to the power line damage. DNR reported Natural Gas and Propane leaks in Pemiscot County.

#### State Actions:

- ☐ The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has been activated at Level I. SEMA Southeast MO Area Coordinator on site in Pemiscot County, other Area Coordinators maintaining contact with local officials.
- ☐ Missouri State Highway Patrol dispatching officer(s) for security detail to Caruthersville, Pemiscot County
- ☐ Missouri Division of Fire Safety established Fire Mutual Aid; and they have received a request for forty fire personnel to conduct light search and rescue operations for Southeast Missouri.
- ☐ Law Enforcement Mutual Aid enacted for Caruthersville with surrounding cities
- ☐ Department of Natural Resources EER working on the pipeline, Public Drinking Water contacted.
- ☐ Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services contacted Pemiscot Co Hospital in Hayti to assess needs.

**SEMA staff will be assessing damages through their Area Coordinators and will be reporting in the next Situation Report.**

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions:

- The American Red Cross is prepared to set up two shelters in Caruthersville at the Community Center and the Old Armory.
- Southern Baptist Relief Services set up mass feeding operations in Caruthersville

**Weather Outlook**

For the period Monday through Thursday (April 3-6, 2006)

Another round of thunderstorms is forecast for Tuesday night into Wednesday Day.

**Point of Contact:**

SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hour's calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/SevereStormsApril2006.htm>